AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission comprising:

a data provider receiving a request for data over an Internet from a client, by a data provider;

obtaining data, in response to said request, at said data provider;

performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained data to indicate whether said obtained data is corrupted, responsive to said request, at said data provider said QA procedure being other than any security check; and

if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained data is corrupted, then transmitting said data over said Internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure; and

if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted, then not transmitting said obtained data to said client.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises comparing said data to said request.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises comparing said data to stored data.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking secure information an electronic signature associated with said data.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking a limited usage-code associated with said data.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking a one-way hash function of said data.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises analyzing a content of said data <u>against a preexisting value</u>.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~wherein transmitting said data responsive to said assurance procedure comprises not transmitting said data if said quality is not assured~~ <u>further comprising transmitting a message when said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted</u>.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, comprising: receiving said data by a user of said data; and second performing a quality assurance procedure on said data, at said user.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim <u>9</u> ~~30~~, wherein said second performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking a digital signature of said data.

11. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises calculating a checksum for said obtained data.

12. (New) A method of data transmission comprising:

a receiving a request for data over an Internet from a client;

obtaining data, in response to said request;

responsive to said request, performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained data to indicate whether said obtained data is corrupted;

if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained data is corrupted, then transmitting said data over said Internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure; and

if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted, then not transmitting said obtained data to said client.

13. (New) A method according to claim 12 wherein said quality assurance procedure comprises checking an electronic signature associated with said data.

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14. (New) A method according to claim 12 wherein

if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted, then obtaining backup data.

15. (New) A system for data transmission comprising:

means for receiving a request for data over an Internet from a client;

means for obtaining data, in response to said request;

means responsive to said request, for performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained data to determine whether said obtained data is corrupted; and

means for transmitting said data over said Internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained data is corrupted and for not transmitting said obtained data to said client if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted.

16. (New) A system according to claim 15 wherein said quality assurance procedure comprises checking an electronic signature associated with said data.

17. (New) A system according to claim 15 further comprising:

means for obtaining backup data if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted.